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## Governor Surprises Guests at Regis First Annual Let It Shine Gala

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*The Boston Globe:* [Jim Rice donates Ortiz jersey at Regis College gala](#)

*Boston Common Magazine:* [Regis College Holds First Annual Let it Shine Gala](#)

*The Pilot:* [Virginia Kaneb honored by Regis at inaugural gala](#)



Regis, a leading Catholic university in Greater Boston, hosted its first annual Let It Shine Gala that raised nearly \$1 million in scholarship funds for students.

The Gala, held Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at the State Room in Boston, was a "who's who" of Boston with special guests including Governor Charlie Baker who made a surprise appearance to congratulate philanthropist Virginia Kaneb '57, Shining Example Award recipient. Red Sox legend Jim Rice energized the crowd by donating a signed David Ortiz jersey which Jack Connors auctioned for \$10,000. Renowned "Make Way for Ducklings" sculptor Nancy Schön attended and created an original piece of art that was presented to Mrs. Kaneb by Regis President Antoinette Hays and Chair of the Regis Board John Tegan. Cardinal Sean O'Malley delivered a blessing.



Governor Baker addressing the crowd with (from left) Regis president Antoinette Hays; Mrs. Kaneb; Regis chair of the board John Tegan; and John Kaneb

The event was co-chaired by Anne Finucane, Vice Chairman of Bank of America, and John Fish, CEO and Chairman of Suffolk Construction Company. John Kaneb, CEO of HP Hood, and his six sons and extended family attended, as well as Thomas O'Neill, Regis trustee and CEO of O'Neill and Associates; Dr. Mary Jane England, former Regis President, Barry Sloane and Linda Sloane Kay of Century Bank; John Mahoney, former CFO of Staples; George and Tish Carney, Raynham Park owners; Pat Purcell of the

*Boston Herald;* Dr. John Libertino, former CEO of Lahey Clinic; Paul Dacier, former EMC Corp. general counsel; Barry Hynes of Cushman & Wakefield, Deb Goldberg, Massachusetts State Treasurer, and Ophelia Dahl of Partners In Health.

Senior Blessing Ajaero performed Let It Shine and You Raise Me Up. Sister Rosemary Brennan, CSJ, President of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, delivered the opening prayer, and Kelley Tuthill, VP of Marketing & Communications, served as emcee.